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LEANNE E. CLARK ET AL v. GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION ET AL
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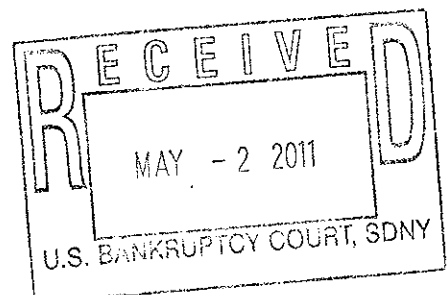
MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 56

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TYPE OF MOTION**Motions Requiring Fee**

- ☐ Default Judgment (\$50.00)
Joinder in Other Party's Dispositive Motion (i.e.
☐ Summary Judgment, Judgment on the Pleadings, or
other Dispositive Motion not pursuant to Rule 12(b))
(\$50.00)
☐ Judgment on the Pleadings (\$50.00)
☐ Motion to Dismiss, or in the Alternative Summary
Judgment (\$50.00)
Renewed Dispositive Motion (Summary Judgment,
☐ Judgment on the Pleadings, or other Dispositive
Motion not pursuant to Rule 12(b)) (\$50.00)
☒ Summary Judgment pursuant to Rule 56 (\$50.00)
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☐ Other _____
pursuant to Rule _____ (\$50.00)

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☐ Continue
☐ Deposition
☐ Designate a Mediator
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☐ Disburse Funds
☐ Extension of Time
☐ In Limine
☐ Joinder
☐ More Definite Statement
☐ Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)
☐ New Trial
☐ Objection of Exemptions Claimed
☐ Pendente Lite
☐ Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss
☐ Preliminary Injunction
☐ Protective Order
☐ Quash
☐ Release from Stay of Execution
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☐ Special Practice in Alabama
☐ Stay
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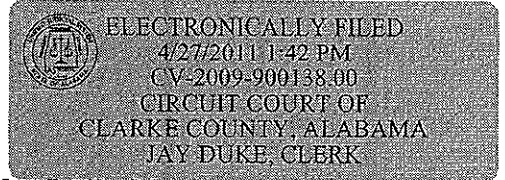
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA

LEANNE E. CLARK AND
CHRISTOPHER D. CLARK; et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION;
et al.,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. CV-2009-900138

MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

COME NOW Defendants, TAKATA CORPORATION and TK HOLDINGS INC. ("Takata Defendants") and respectfully file this Motion for Partial Summary Judgment pertaining to Plaintiffs' Loss of Parental Consortium Claims. In support of this Motion, the Takata Defendants show unto the Court as follows:

1. This is a product liability action arising from a single-vehicle rollover crash involving a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am passenger car that occurred on February 6, 2008. At the time of the accident Leanne Clark was driving the subject vehicle. According to the Complaint, three of the Plaintiffs are minor children of Leanne Clark. Count Eight (8) of the Complaint alleges "Loss of Parental Consortium" on behalf of the three minor children, Plaintiffs.

2. In Patterson v. Hays, 623 So.2d 1142 (Ala. 1993), the Alabama Supreme Court set forth a concise statement explaining that a loss of parental consortium claim is **not recognized** in Alabama: "Although we note the plaintiffs' argument that 'Alabama's denying a child a right to prosecute a loss of consortium claim for injuries to his parent does not reflect a universal view', **that is the law in Alabama. Any further discussion is unnecessary.**" 623 So.2d at 1146 (emphasis added).

3. Rule 56 of the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure sets forth a two-tiered standard for granting a Motion for Summary Judgment. A.R.C.P. 56. The trial court must determine: (1) that there is no genuine issue of a material fact, and (2) that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Ala R. Civ. P. 56(c)(3). Summary Judgment in favor of the defendant is proper when a plaintiff brings a claim that is not supported by Alabama law. See, e.g., Jones v. B.P. Oil Co., Inc., 632 So.2d 435, 438-39 (Ala. 1993)(upholding trial court's grant of summary judgment in which plaintiff brought claim which was not recognized as a cause of action under Alabama law).

4. Because Plaintiffs' claim of loss of parental consortium is not supported under Alabama law, Summary Judgment is due to be granted in favor of the Takata Defendants as to these claims. See Hays, 623 So.2d 1142 ; Jones, 632 So.2d 435.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Takata Defendants respectfully request this Honorable Court to grant Partial Summary Judgment as to Plaintiffs' loss of parental consortium claims in their favor.

Respectfully submitted this the 27th day of April, 2011.

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